GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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UNO POPULATION FUND
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Organisation has provided assistance under United Nations Population Fund to control the population in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the funds provided by the UN agency for the purpose, during 2000, 2001 and 2002; and

(c) the details of the schemes being run in the country with the help of UNO assistance, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), during its 5th Country Programme (CP-5) of Assistance to the Government of India (1997-2002) has provided funds for advocacy and a comprehensive Reproductive Health (RH) approach wherein access to quality services, gender equity and equality, male involvement and reproductive rights, are crucial ingredients. During the three years 2000-2002 UNFPA has provided approximately Rs.44.50 crores, Rs.57 crores and Rs.55 crores (estimated) respectively.

(c): The major national programmes supported by UNFPA for implementation in all states are
(i) the Population and Development Education Projects for integrating population and development messages into the education curriculum at all levels - under-graduate and post-graduate, formal and non-formal,
(ii) Support to Gender Issues through NGOs,
(iii) Gender Training Programmes for medical officers, health cadres and administrators,
(iv) Advocacy Projects for elected representatives and the media on issues related to population stabilisation and sustainable development etc. UNFPA is also supporting area specific projects titled `Integrated Population and Development (IPD) Projects` in 30 districts and 5 municipal areas of six States, viz. Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Kerala.These IPD Projects aim at improving access and quality of primary health care services through key interventions such as introduction of need-specific reproductive health services, infrastructure improvement, local specific IEC for behaviour change, training, participation of NGOs and promoting innovations in service delivery.UNFPA has also supported the Integrated Women`s Empowerment and Development Project implemented by the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Haryana which focused on community mobilisation as a strategy for promoting women`s empowerment and quality reproductive health services.